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TAIWAN

Taiwan plans to require pre-marketing registration and labeling of bioengineered food products. The Food Sanitation Bureau of the Department of Health (FSB) plans to announce the "Guidelines for Safety Assessment of Biotech Food Products" for pre-marketing registration in early 2001. FSB has indicated that data package requirements will be the same as for the U.S. and other advanced countries and that corn and soybeans will be the top priority. Currently, Taiwan accepts U.S. and other advanced country approvals as a basis for marketing.

Taiwan also tentatively plans to implement voluntary labeling regulations for non-genetically modified (GM) or GM-free foods in January, 2001 and mandatory labeling for bioengineered foods in stages over the next 2-4 years, beginning in 2003. Initially, mandatory labeling will be required only for raw food soybeans and raw soy meal, and raw food corn and corn meal at the retail level. By 2005, all retail food products containing bioengineered ingredients must be labeled, but a 5 percent tolerance for GM varieties will be allowed. A well-organized effort on consumer food safety education is anticipated to reduce future demands for non-biotech foods by most Taiwan consumers.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service.

MEXICO

A New Rural Development Law

The Mexican Senate has approved a rural development law that will prevent President Fox's administration from eliminating agricultural institutions, organizations and support programs for producers as was envisioned by the new government. The new law calls for the creation of the "Mexican Council for Rural Development" where different organizations of producers will regulate imports, check quality standards, and monitor tariffs agreed to in different international trade agreements. The law also considers the creation of a mechanism that will reduce producer losses due to abrupt changes in the exchange rate, or increases in production costs.

The rural development law will also provide for subsidies and an incentive system for agricultural activities while calling on the government to focus on marginal production areas and address the issues of food safety and sovereignty. The law must still be published in the Diario Oficial (Federal Register) before it becomes official.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

ESTIMATED PRICE SYSTEM TO BE APPLIED TO IMPORTS OF POULTRY IN BRINE

On December 29, 2000, Mexico's Secretariat of Treasury (SHCP) announced in the Diario Oficial (Mexico's Federal Register) that starting December 30, 2000, it would impose an estimated price system on imported poultry meat, salted or in brine, for the purpose of calculating a duty. The estimated price system was created in 1994 by the SHCP. The system was intended mainly for goods that were being imported below the prevailing market prices – under invoicing. These prices are estimated prices. SHCP, using price lists, data from Mexican producers, as well as other sources of information, derives the "estimated" prices for the selected items. It took this action to prevent or discourage alleged under-invoicing on these products.

This action followed SCHP's September 14, 2000 announcement in the Diario Oficial about the implementation of a Customs Cash Account system that went into effect on October 1, 2000. This system requires importers to deposit into a bank account 100 percent of duties assessed on the difference between the actual invoice value (including transportation costs and brokers fees) and the value of the shipment based on a predetermined "estimated" price (reference price).

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

SAUDI ARABIA

Al-Eqtisadiyah (the Saudi Arabian Arabic Language business daily) reported that the Saudi Ministry of Commerce (MOC) has initiated a new directive for the importation of fresh, chilled and frozen chickens. The new directive requires that health certificates of all imported slaughtered chickens clearly indicate that the chickens were not fed animal proteins, fats and any animal by products. The new statement must be written on each health certificate that accompanies each shipment. It was reported that the MOC based its new requirement on reports that some countries are feeding chickens ingredients from cows killed because of infestation by mad cow disease.

Virtually all imported poultry to Saudi Arabia is frozen and in 1999 the total imports of frozen poultry meat reached 371,228 metric tons. Brazil has been the leading supplier to Saudi Arabia of frozen broilers at 217,165 metric tons, followed by France at 135,962 and China (for deboned chicken) at 12,000 metric tons. The United States is a distant fourth at 6,101 metric tons.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Jan 06, 2001	Year-To-Date			
	2001	2000 /1	2001	2000
Liquid	91	51	91	51
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	91	51	91	51

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Jan 06, 2001	Year-To-Date			
	2001	2000 /1	2001	2000
Liquid	8	79	8	79
Frozen	3	6	3	6
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	11	85	11	85

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Jan 06, 2001	Year-To-Date			
	2001	2000 /1	2001	2000
Jumbo	0	13	0	13
Extra Large	0	303	0	303
Large	2,340	2,930	2,340	2,930
Medium	0	360	0	360
Ungraded	3,000	2,310	3,000	2,310
Misc	787	750	787	750
Total	6,127	6,666	6,127	6,666

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Pltry Development Div.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION

W/E 06-Jan-01

(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,361	722	2,083
LAST WEEK	1,359	719	2,078
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,007	1,626	3,633
TO-DATE/2001	1,361	722	2,083
TO-DATE/2000	2,007	1,626	3,633

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	413	0	413
LAST WEEK	314	0	314
SAME WEEK YR AGO	449	0	449
TO-DATE/2001	413	0	413
TO-DATE/2000	449	0	449

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,774	722	2,496
LAST WEEK	1,673	719	2,392
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,456	1,626	4,082
TO-DATE/2001	1,774	722	2,496
TO-DATE/2000	2,456	1,626	4,082

NOTICE

"Effective January 5, 2001, all prices and volumes of mechanically separate chicken meat and chicken with added skin will be reported on an FOB shipper dock or equivalent basis so prices can be more accurately compared within and between regions."

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

19-JAN-2001

CHICKEN

— PRICES ——— VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				
CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED				

— PRICES ——— VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	13.00-15.00	61,200	-
WTD AVERAGE		13.67		
15-20%				
RANGE	18.00-20.00	11.00-12.00	1,387,200	734,400
WTD AVERAGE	19.39	11.42		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

19-JAN-2001

CHICKEN

— PRICES ——— VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.00		200,000	200,000
WTD AVERAGE	20.00			
CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED				

— PRICES ——— VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	13.50-21.00	15.00	492,000	212,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.94	15.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	18.00-20.00	11.00-13.50	1,124,000	364,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.71	12.61		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 19 JANUARY 2001.

Market activity generally light with trading centered on light volumes of frozen destrapped tenderloins, fresh thigh meat and fresh mechanically separated turkey for current shipments. Offerings of most items available. Frozen thigh meat continued to be offered at lower trending price levels, however, the price spread between buyer bids and seller offering prices generally remained too wide to generate many sales. Export inquiry and trading slow.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	22.00	80	22.39	132
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	21.50	104	21.50	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	25.83	312	25.83	312
TAILS	20.00		20.00	56	19.41	264
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	18.00	104		

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	22.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	21.50		21.50	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	25.83	312
TAILS	19.25		19.25	208
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	18.00	104

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	22.00		22.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	22.00	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.50-26.00		25.83	312
TAILS		F	19.50	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	18.00	104

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	23.00		23.00	52
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	22.00	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	25.75	312
TAILS		F	19.50	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	18.00	104

*****NOTICE*****

**MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2001
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR HOLIDAY
NO EXPORT TRADING REPORTED**

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

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LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION

Week Ending 13-Jan-01

(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
HEAD	1,971	1,245	3,216
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,361	772	2,133
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,149	1,283	3,432
TO-DATE/2001	3,332	2,017	5,349
TO-DATE/2000	4,156	2,909	7,065

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
HEAD	500	13	513
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	413	0	413
SAME WEEK YR AGO	432	0	432
TO-DATE/2001	913	13	926
TO-DATE/2000	881	0	881

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
HEAD	2,471	1,258	3,729
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,774	772	2,546
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,581	1,283	3,864
TO-DATE/2001	4,245	2,030	6,275
TO-DATE/2000	5,037	2,909	7,946